



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held May 20, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

“One of the most pressing issues facing the County of Los Angeles today is our ongoing preparations for Homeland Security. This process will span many different departments and impact the entire County. We have already applied for and received millions of dollars in Federal and State grants, with more funding on the way. This funding will be used to increase the readiness of each department in different ways, while adding to the security of the County’s residents as a whole.

“It is imperative that we have a central office coordinating all of these efforts in the most cost effective and efficient way possible. As we undertake such a comprehensive task, we must ensure that no part of the County’s emergency response organization is under prepared and that services are coordinated to avoid duplication. We must ensure that all of our first responders are well trained and well equipped to handle any situation that may arise, and we must make certain that all of our departments are working together toward keeping Los Angeles County the best prepared county in the Nation.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Chief Administrative Officer and his Office of Emergency Management were instructed to:

1. Create a Countywide database of homeland security related programs to identify readiness needs, track existing grant requests, identify future grant opportunities, and provide a single source point within the County for this information; and

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2. Coordinate with all departments involved in the effective implementation of homeland security and disaster response related planning, equipment, training and exercises; and work in coordination with all relevant departments to help ensure that no Homeland Security or disaster response need remains unmet if there is Federal or State funding that can be granted for that purpose.

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